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KC, GLADSTONE, EXCELSIOR SPRINGS MEN CHARGED WITH COUNTERFEITING

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three men were charged in federal court today with manufacturing counterfeit money.

Dustin J. Young, 25, of Kansas City, Mo., **Robert E. Williams**, 30, of Excelsior Springs, Mo., and **Shannon M. Rudder**, 25, of Gladstone, Mo., were each charged in a criminal complaint filed this morning in U.S. District Court in Kansas City with aiding and abetting each other in making counterfeit currency with intent to defraud between Feb. 10 and 12, 2004.

According to the affidavit in support of the federal complaint, **Williams** was arrested by the Richmond, Mo., Police Department on Feb. 10, 2004, when they responded to a report that counterfeit money had been used to purchase a diamond ring, cell phone and other items totaling \$1,281 at the Wal-Mart store, 908 S. Spartan in Richmond. Police officers recovered 96 counterfeit \$20 bills, totaling \$1,740, from **Williams** and from Wal-Mart during his arrest.

The defendants allegedly used a color copier/scanner at a hotel room at the American Inn Hotel, 4141 South Noland Rd. in Independence, Mo.. While at the hotel room earlier that day, all three defendants were arrested by Independence police officers on unrelated warrants and **Williams** was extradited to Mosby, Mo., to face charges for traffic violations. **Young** and **Rudder** helped **Williams** pay his bond to be released from Mosby's custody, allegedly using some of the counterfeit money, and the three defendants then went together to the Richmond Wal-Mart, where they purchased the items.

The affidavit alleges that they left the Wal-Mart store and attempted to use the counterfeit money at several fast food restaurants in Liberty, but drove off when the clerks at the drive-through windows began to examine the counterfeit bills. That evening, the indictment alleges, **Rudder** checked into a room at the American Inn, 1211 Armour Rd., North Kansas City, Mo.,

and set up the scanner/copier to make more counterfeit currency. **Williams** left the hotel and allegedly passed five counterfeit \$20 bills at the Pour Boy's Oil Company, 22204 N. 69 Highway in Mosby, Mo., then returned to the Richmond Wal-Mart store to exchange the merchandise purchased earlier that day for cash. While at the store, the affidavit says, he was recognized and store employees called the police, at which point **Williams** was arrested.

Following **Williams'** arrest, federal agents attempted to locate **Rudder** and **Young** at the American Inn. Although **Rudder** had checked out of the hotel, the affidavit says, agents found 38 counterfeit \$20 bills in the trash can located in the bathroom. The agents also found seven counterfeit \$20 bills during a search of the American Inn hotel room, according to the affidavit.

Federal agents then arrested **Rudder** and **Young**.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Valenti. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service, the Richmond, Mo., Police Department and the Independence, Mo., Police Department..

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